	States	*Rs. Crores*
14.	Uttar Pradesh	46.84
15.	West Bengal	68.77
	Total	784.22
	Grand Total (A+B)	1378.68

Relief to Earthquake Victims of Uttarkashi by HUDCO

4441. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has given any material relief to the earthquake victims of Uttarkashi for reconstruction of their damaged houses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). HUDCO has sanctioned loan of about Rs. 30 crores for the reconstruction of 20,000 houses fully damaged due to earthquake in the Garhwal region (Uttarkashi, Tehri, Chamoli and Dehradun Distts.) The assistance will be disbursed to the beneficiaries through U.P. Rural Housing Board. First instalment of the loan amounting sto Rs. 14.25 crores has already been released to the State agency.

In addition, HUDCO has extended technical assistance for setting up of 3 Building Centres and 6 Sub–Centres in the region for transfer of appropriate technology, skill upgradation and training of artisans and making available building componenets and elements for the reconstruction of earthquake resistant houses. Appropriate designs for earthquake resistance houses have also been provided by HUDCO to State Government.

Transport Subsidy to Andaman and Nicobar

4442. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the claims for granting transport subsidy from the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration upto 31st October, 1991 and

(b) if so, when the funds are likely to be released and the amount invoved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The Union Territory Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands had submitted a transport subsidy

claim for Rs. 2,04, 83,318. The claim has been returned to the Administration for correcting certain discrepancies. Eligible claims will be reimbursed on receipt of the clarifications from the Union Territory Administration.

Eighth Plan Draff for Autonomous Districts Council of Assam

4443. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Autonomous District Council of Tripura was allowed to prepare the draft Eighth Five Year Plan for their area;

(b) whether similar steps were taken in the case of Karbi; Anglong and North Cachar Hill Autonomous District Councils of Assam by allowing them to prepare the draft Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government propose to allow the Autonomous District Councils of Assam to prepare their respective draft Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) (a) and (b). Their Plans are already included in the Draft Eighth Five Year Plans submitted by the State Governments to the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

VCR/VCP Project in Orissa

4444 SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has sent any proposal to the a Union Government to consider the setting up of VCR/VCP project in collaboration with Konark TV and Orissa State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). The Government of Orissa vide communication dated January 23, 1989 approached the Central Government regarding setting up of the VCR/VCP manufacturing Project by Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) – (a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics) in Orissa. The proposal of ET&T for setting up of VCR/VCP manufacturing project has not been approved by the Government.

Foreign Matter in Rice, Sugar etc.

4445. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is statutory sanction for the existence of foreign matter in rice, sugar, paddy and spices etc.; if so, the percentage thereof;

(b) whether taking advantage of this traders are mixing stones and other like material in consumable articles; and

(c) whether the Government propose to prohibit the existence of foreign matter in those items by declaring that such acts of deliberate mixing would be an offence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND